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Mark,

As discussed, here is the final statement:

"Finding a solution to prevent the subsurface smoldering event from reaching the radiological materials at the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo., is a top priority for EPA.

EPA has determined a physical isolation barrier will be installed at the site. This decision also calls for the installation of other engineering controls, such as cooling loops, to further mitigate the potential impact of a subsurface smoldering event reaching radiological materials. We are now working through the highly complex details of our decision and the legal steps to implement that decision.

We will continue to work closely with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other stakeholders related to this decision. As EPA moves forward in defining the details, we will seek to protect the health and safety of the surrounding community and onsite workers during future construction efforts.

EPA will use all available enforcement authorities to ensure implementation of this work, and provide additional details in early 2016 once finalized."

Thanks,

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